

August 22, 2004 from pancreatic cancer at the age of 60. Dick's death was not sudden. He learned of his condition just before Christmas of 2002 when doctors predicted that he would have a few months to live.

But Dick didn't view this diagnosis as an excuse to slow down. Much to the contrary, he devoted his remaining days to the nature center he loved, sledding down the hills adjacent to the center in the winter, giving encouragement to young people maintaining the trails in the summer perched on a lawn chair because he was too weak to offer physical help. Some twenty days before his death he was promoting the nature center's hike-a-thon event called the "Coyote Crawl". In the words of his beloved wife Carole, "That was Dick. He was taking care of his baby to the end."

As Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director and co-founder of the Friends of Eagle River Nature Center, Dick's hard work, vision and stamina led the way in transforming the center into a model for public-private partnership in managing public parklands. Today, through his dedication and leadership, it is a centerpiece of Chugach State Park, providing unparalleled educational, economic and outdoor opportunities on a year-round basis.

For local students, it provides hands-on learning experiences with classes on natural sciences and the environment. For the Eagle River community, it generates significant economic activity by attracting tens of thousands of visitors each year from around the area and around the world. And for those who simply share Dick's love of Alaska's wild outdoors, it offers countless camping, hiking and other recreational opportunities.

Through the legacy of the Eagle River Nature Center, generations to come will share in the legacy of Richard D. Lloyd, a man with the vision to have a dream, the courage to pursue it and the strength to make it a reality.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting a nomination and a withdrawal which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, an-

nounced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 918. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration grant program to provide patient navigator services to reduce barriers and improve health care outcomes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2023. An act to give a preference regarding States that require schools to allow students to self-administer medication to treat that student's asthma or anaphylaxis, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2119. An act to provide for the conveyance of Federal lands, improvements, equipment and resource materials at the Oxford Research Station in Granville County, North Carolina, to the State of North Carolina.

H.R. 2929. An act to protect users of the Internet from unknowing transmission of their personally identifiable information through spyware programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2984. An act to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to remove the requirement that processors be members of an agency administering a marketing order applicable to pears.

H.R. 3015. An act to provide for the establishment of a controlled substance monitoring program in each State.

H.R. 3514. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands and improvements associated with the National Forest System in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3858. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, and to provide for better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation.

H.R. 4504. An act to improve protections for children and to hold States accountable for the safe and timely placement of children across State lines, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4555. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend provisions relating to mammography quality standards.

H.R. 4569. An act to provide for the development of a national plan for the control and management of Sudden Oak Death, a tree disease caused by the fungus-like pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4620. An act to confirm the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to collect approved State commodity assessments on behalf of the State from the proceeds of marketing assistance loans.

H.R. 5011. An act to prevent the sale of abusive insurance and investment products to military personnel.

H.R. 5042. An act to amend the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1994 to ensure that the dependents of employees of the Forest Service stationed in Puerto Rico receive a high-quality elementary and secondary education.

H.J. Res. 57. Joint resolution expressing the sense of the Congress in recognition of the contributions of the seven Columbia astronauts by supporting establishment of a Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 34. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that private health insurance companies should take a proactive role in promoting healthy lifestyles, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 250. Concurrent resolution recognizing community organization of public access defibrillation programs.

H. Con. Res. 306. Concurrent resolution honoring the service of Native American Indians in the United States Armed Forces.

H. Con. Res. 480. Concurrent resolution recognizing the spirit of Jacob Mock Doub and his contribution to encouraging youth to be physically active and fit and expressing the sense of Congress that "National Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day" should be established in Jacob Mock Doub's honor.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 33. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments:

S. 878. An act to authorize an additional permanent judgeship in the District of Idaho, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4850) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5011. An act to prevent the sale of abusive insurance and investment products to military personnel; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

*Robert Allen Pittman, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Administration)

Robert N. Davis, of Florida, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term prescribed by law.

Mary J. Schoelen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years.

William A. Moorman, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)